

Administrative Cabinet
June 30, 2008

Present: T. Baldwin, E. Johnston, P. Phaiah, A. Svec, L. Johnson
Absent: C. Casey
Guest: Gary Willhite

Minutes – June 23, 2008, minutes were presented. Peter moved to approve, Eric Second. Motion approved.

Old Business – Office space: There was a discussion on office space assignment. Tom stated that no department owns space. He also related that some offices have windows and some do not. He wanted the cabinet to think about what type of procedures should be used to determine office space allocation.

Meal Plans – Peter handed out an amended set of principles regarding UMC Food Service. In addition, a proposed meal plan pricing schedule was handed it. Peter explained that the conversation with Sodexo only provided for three resident meal plans. He had tried to get a fourth resident meal plan, but could not get Sodexo to decrease the price per meal for such a plan.

The available plans will also include a commuter plan (50 meals @\$6.50 per meal) and an employee plan (50 meals @\$6.50 per meal). Peter also discussed the walk-in prices. The walk-in prices will be higher than any of the meal plan prices per meal.

Gary asked if the students have been helping in the pricing process. Peter had planned to meet with various available students to gauge the support of the students.

Peter asked if he could have a motion to approve the meal plans. It was stated that student feedback is needed prior to implementation.

Les suggested that the information to the students should state that if no vendor was brought in, the prices in the dining hall would have increased due to the increased cost of operations.

Les also said this vendor should provide a better student experience.

Tom said we should also discuss the mandatory meal plan. Les said that we need to be sensitive to this mandatory plan and that we need to get student feedback prior to the mandatory plan implementation.

No motion was made.

Residence Hall – Fall, 2008 is at full capacity. There are 8 domestic students and 4 international students on a waiting list. Gary expects an additional 12 – 32 students to request housing prior to the start of the Fall, 2008 semester. Gary stated that there are a couple apartment options that have been looked at by administrators. Riverwood apartments on Memorial Drive and the Crookston Jr. High apartments. IT has been determined that the Crookston Jr. High apartments are the better option. The apartments should be completed within the next month.

A discussion about our enrollment numbers and residential opportunities for these students took place.

In addition, the new residence hall was discussed. It was stated that a meeting with the 'Residence Hall Project Committee' and the architects was to take place after Chancellor's Cabinet.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andrew. Peter second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.